

City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, www.miamibeachfl.gov

# COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the CIP Oversight Committee

DATE: May 10, 2010

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVERSIGHT

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF April 12, 2010** 

#### The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m.

Please note: These minutes are not a full transcription of the meeting.

Full audio and visual record of this meeting is available online on the City's website: 
http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/video/video.asp

## **ATTENDANCE**

See attendance sheet, attached

# **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

MOTION: Acceptance of the nomination for Christina Cuervo to serve as Vice- Chair

MOVED: (Stacy Kilroy) 2<sup>nd</sup>: (Rick Kendle)

PASSED: Unanimous

### **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Acceptance of Minutes of the March 8, 2010 CIPOC Meeting

MOVED: (Eleanor Carney) 2<sup>nd</sup>: (Stacy Kilroy)

PASSED: Unanimous

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one came forward with items for Public Comments

### **COMMISSION ITEM**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT, PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BID NO. 16-09/10, FOR THE NORTH SHORE BANDSHELL FACILITY RENOVATIONS PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OAC ACTION CONSTRUCTION CORP., AT THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$934,262.81, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, PLUS APPROVE PROJECT CONTINGENCY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,426.28 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$1,027,689.09 FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN VALUE ENGINEERING TO FURTHER REDUCE THE COST AND TIME FOR COMPLETION OF SAID PROJECT.

MOTION: No motion was made due to insufficient data to make a recommendation.

### REQUESTED REPORTS

# **Fire Department Fire Hydrant Testing Schedule**

6:57 p.m.

Wilfredo Cabrero, a former retired Miami Beach fireman and resident at 609 E. Dilido, informed the committee that the City in conjunction with the Miami Dade County (County) does hydrant flushing, during the holidays on an annual basis. Mr. Cabrero further explained that the County tests the water quality by securing water samples throughout the County. This water is then evaluated to determine the areas that require more flushing. During his tenure, some of the fire hydrants in the Venetian Islands were not flowing at the desired amount required by the fire department. He explained that debris is often accumulated in the lines, which may lead to the hydrants requiring repair or replacement. Chair Gross mentioned that the Venetian Islands has P1 water lines, which are deemed a priority for the City. Mr. Cabrero mentioned that the City's fire department maintains a record of hydrants that have been reported deficient and have been replaced or repaired. Mr. Cabrero indicated that he was unable to reach Chief Eric Yuhr for feedback on this matter.

STAFF ACTION: Confirm with the Fire Department that they have tested the fire hydrants and obtain their schedule and test results to show to CIPOC.

# **GIS Presentation: Water Line Prioritization**

7:06 p.m.

(Deferred from March 8 Meeting)

Mr. Bert Dorrestyn, GIS Manager, from Public Works presented the GIS system on the water line prioritization. The GIS program started in 2006. This computerized system has the ability to track the utility improvements and day-to-day maintenance. Previously, this data was found in maps. Mr. Dorrestyn indicated that since Normandy Shores Neighborhood Right-of-Way Improvement Project is close to completion, as-built information is being requested from the contractor to be incorporated into the GIS System. Mr. Dorrestyn indicated that the fire hydrants in Normandy Shores have recently been added to the system. The GIS system will also able to identify pipes that were recently bursts in the City. He further added that any work order created for repairing breaks, input from staff on "Hot Spots", reported calls from residents about bad smell in the area, will be collected and logged into the system to allow for better tracking.

A discussion ensued on the 16 inch transmission line broke on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. Mr. Beckman informed the committee that there could have been a number of reasons why the pipe burst. Mr. Beckman mentioned that the valve was encased in concrete, possibly resulting from the demolition of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge, and it was exposed to salt water. Fred Beckman assured the committee that further testing is being done to determine the actual cause.

OLD BUSINESS 7:39 p.m.

CIP Project Status Report

Construction Update: Normandy Shores Neighborhood Improvement Project

Status Report: Venetian Island Neighborhood Improvement Project

Status Report: Sunset Islands I & II
Status Report: Sunset Islands III & IV

Status Report: Royal Palm Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street Flooding Mitigation

Status Report: Palm & Hibiscus Island Undergrounding

Status Report: Flamingo/West Avenue ROW

### STAFF ACTION ITEMS

# **Construction Update: Normandy Shores Neighborhood Improvement Project**

Aurelio Carmenates, the project manager, for Normandy Shores Right-of-Way Improvement project reported that residents complained about hazardous material being dumped adjacent to the Avant Condominium. It was determined that the material found was actually debris resulting from the cleaning of the structures. Mr. Carmenates ordered the removal of the debris and the area was immediately cleaned-up by the contractor. Additionally, Mr. Charles Carreño, CIP Director, announced a soft opening of the Normandy Shores Golf Club House on Wednesday, April 13, 2010.

## Status Report: Venetian Island Neighborhood Improvement Project

City Attorney Raul Aguila reported to the committee that his office had been working closely with Mr. Greg Carney and the other members of the Venetian Island's Homeowner's Association to determine the rightful owners of the roadways and streetends leading to the bay. At the request of the committee, a title attorney was hired by the City at a nominal cost. The City is in fact the owners of the street-ends. Mr. Aguila mentioned that this is now an encroachment matter, which will be handled through Public Works. Moreover, the affected homeowners will be contacted.

Project manager Roberto Rodriguez mentioned that once RIC-MAN International has acquired their permits for the project, they could receive the second notice to proceed. Mr. Albert Dominguez from RIC-MAN International informed the committee that he was prepared to move forward with both the County and City's right-of-way improvement projects on the Venetian Islands. However, he is having issues with acquiring the Dewatering permit from DERM. Mr. Carreño mentioned that this has been an issue with the other capital projects. Mr. Carreño is planning a visit to DERM to address this issue and will report back to the committee on how this matter can be resolved.

A discussion on the FPL undergrounding ensued. It was requested by the committee for staff to provide established procedures for neighborhoods seeking undergrounding of utility lines.

### Status Report: Sunset Islands I & II

Mr. Goldsmith discussed the results of the Nutting report and revealed the findings of the existing soil conditions on the islands. The muck was not as widespread and deep as initially anticipated. There will be a further review of the report. A decision will be made as to the most acceptable sediment tolerance. The City staff and the HOA agreed to the 9-foot travel lanes and the addition of the 18 inch to 24 inch valley gutters proposed for Sunset Islands 1 and 2. The staff mentioned that outreach on this issue is currently being done throughout the islands.

### Report: Sunset Islands III & IV

Project Manager Keith Mizell informed the committee that Sunset Islands III & IV Homeowners Association had requested additional funding, approximately \$400,000, for the entry way improvements, which include the guardhouse and entry gate. This request has been referred to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee by the City Commission in May. The CIPOC committee has requested from staff an inventory of guard houses.

# Status Report: Royal Palm Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street Flooding Mitigation.

Charles Carreño informed the committee that the project is currently in the design phase. The committee has requested that Public Works keep the homeowners' apprised monthly on the developments of the project.

# Status Report: Palm & Hibiscus Island Undergrounding

The residents submitted signed petitions from the Miami Dade County for the proposed undergrounding project on the island. The association is expecting this process to be validated in two weeks from the Miami Dade County.

# Status Report: Flamingo /West Avenue Neighborhood ROW

Mr. Carreño informed the committee that since the last meeting, the County and State had executed their portion of the agreement. RIC-MAN International is the contractor for the project and a pre-construction kick-off meeting was held on March 18, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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